



MOTHER PRINDLE WILL HELP THE WOMEN OF LONDON.

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Lady Henry Somerset has decided to establish in London a woman's rescue home similar to the Florence Night mission in Bloeker street, and Mrs. A. L. Prindle, better known as Mother Prindle, matron of the Florence mission, will sail for England on June 5 at Lady Henry's special invitation.

While Lady Henry Somerset was on a visit here last year she visited the Florence mission and admired its methods. She has asked Mother Prindle to start



MRS. A. L. PRINDLE.

the London Florence mission, which will be opened during the week of the International W. C. T. U. convention.

Mother Prindle is a far famed missionary worker. She has superintended rescue work for women in Buffalo, Chicago, Brooklyn, Columbus and New York, and her name is revered by thousands of outcast women.

The first notable instance of English women calling on American women for aid was when Princess Christian sought the personal assistance of Mrs. Dunlap-Hopkins of New York in starting a school of design for English women similar to the one which Mrs. Hopkins had made successful here.

Mrs. John Jacob Astor.

Mrs. John Jacob Astor, or, as she is most familiarly called, Mrs. Jack Astor, is the best all round sportswoman either in or out of society's realm, says the Philadelphia Inquirer. She fences, rides, cows, shoots, bowls, plays tennis, billiards, swims, can manage a bicycle with the most skillful as well as a yacht, and her latest accomplishment is golf. From a child she has always been particularly fond of all outdoor sports. Philadelphia's remember well the pretty, rosy faced Ava Willing, who in a severe black habit, her satiny hair caught up under her riding cap with a black ribbon, galloped through Fairmount park every pleasant winter afternoon.

Last summer her feats in the water excited the envy of many a timid belle at Newport. She is a most accomplished and fearless swimmer and when in the water wears black silk tights under her skirt, because they give her unrestricted liberty of limb.

Another accomplishment which few women possess is her cleverness with the cue. She learned as a child, being familiar with billiards almost from her infancy. Today Mrs. Astor plays as well if not better than any woman in this country.

Perhaps there is nothing this clever little lady does so well as shoot. A story told of Mrs. Astor in the Adirondacks by Ross Hayes, one of the guides, is interesting and shows that with all her sporting zest she is still a woman, and a very womanly woman at that. She and her husband with a party were hunting several years ago below Saranac. They had followed the trail of a wounded deer, which had escaped. Finally, after tracing it for an hour, it was cornered. A shot in the throat ended the stag's misery. As it fell its eyes seemed to fall beseechingly on Mrs. Astor. As the anxious dogs flew at its throat she burst into tears and begged that the dogs be called off. Up to that moment she had been as much of a sportsman

as any of them, but the sight of misery aroused all of her womanly feeling.

In hunting costume of brown velvet, with buckskin leggings, alpine hat, game bag and a gun over her shoulder, Mrs. Astor could not look better in the most exquisite importation from Paris.

Mrs. Cleveland and Ruth.

The fact that Mrs. Cleveland was accompanied to the Letter-Curzon wedding by her little daughter Ruth should effectually set at rest for all future time the false and malicious stories that have been so long current in regard to the child, who is really an unusually bright and sturdy little specimen of childhood. The effort of the president and Mrs. Cleveland to keep their children in the background heretofore has been entirely due to their desire to keep the public from being satiated with accounts of the children, their daily doings, sayings and happenings generally. That their motive has been entirely misunderstood and grossly misrepresented to the extent of having accounts of the children's purported deformities and dullness of comprehension scattered broadcast over the United States is a condition of affairs of which the president and Mrs. Cleveland are perfectly aware.

It may or it may not have been due to the knowledge of such reports that Mrs. Cleveland finally consented to gratify the desire of the bride in allowing Ruth to be present at the ceremony, at which the entire fashionable world was in attendance.

It was certainly the knowledge of such malicious and ridiculous reports that quite recently prompted Mrs. Cleveland to make a witty little speech in the presence of some guests who had driven out to the country place at Woodbury. While Mrs. Cleveland was entertaining her callers, the door of the room in which they sat opened softly, and a dainty little childish figure stood irresolutely on the threshold. For a moment the child, seeing that her mother had called, started to draw back and close the door after her. With a little laugh Mrs. Cleveland held out her hands to the child, calling out: "Come in, Ruth, dear. If you don't, people may say that you have no legs."

The Pen Woman's Club.

The Pen Woman's club of Chicago is made up of women connected with the press. The Woman's Tribune of Washington says of some of these ladies: Miss Jordan came straight from a postgraduate course at the Harvard annex to enter into journalistic work, and was editorially connected first with The Weekly Magazine and later with Unity. She is now a member of the publishing firm of Searle & Gorton, established in 1890, and the editor and proprietor of The New Order. She has recently been appointed by Mrs. Joseph Thompson, president of the board of lady managers for the Atlanta Cotton States and International exposition, press representative for Chicago and Illinois.

Mrs. Starrett began her editorial work on a daily paper published in Lawrence, Kan., and since that time has been engaged on several prominent weeklies, the last The Interior, with which she is now identified. Miss English is now writing special articles for the Chicago families and for periodicals published in this city and elsewhere. Mrs. Strong has long been a newspaper correspondent, for a number of years being Washington correspondent for newspapers in the northwest. She is an author and a fluent French translator. Miss Dusenberry is proprietor of the Purdy Publishing company and the editor of the Chicago Woman's News. She has recently been chosen one of the vice presidents of the Illinois Federation of Woman's Clubs, representing the Seventh congressional district.

The American Girl.

The day when it was fashionable for a woman to be a weak dependent has passed. Frivolous indoor occupations and timid withdrawal from contact with outside life and its interests have been replaced by vigorous activity in all the affairs of society and in the ambition to become the comrades of men in their broader occupations. The young women are waiting, ready to share political responsibilities. They are horrified no longer by the suggestion that they should be admitted to the suffrage. The organiza-

tization of women which struggled to obtain the suffrage from the constitutional convention was largely composed of representatives of the society especially accused of frivolity.

Generally the American girl has improved in strength and become less frivolous. The hardest and the cleverest students in the public schools are girls. They are entering freely into every employment that does not demand rude muscular power and rugged endurance. They are better able to take care of themselves than formerly. They are getting over nonsensical notions that dwarfing restrictions are essential to feminine attractions. They are not afraid that they can know too much or do too much. Meantime they are improving in their looks and increasing in their charm and their desirability as companions and comrades, and men are flinging it out.—New York Sun.

Princess Helene.

Somebody, described as "One Who Knows the Princess Well," has been telling of the personal appearance of the Princess Helene in a current English contemporary. The forthcoming marriage of the princess is a subject at present so much in evidence that it may be interesting to know what "one of the loveliest women in Europe" looks like. She is extremely tall, but her figure is "so perfectly proportioned, and her carriage and gait are so graceful, that at first one hardly realizes her height. Her face is oval, with dark blue eyes, black eyebrows and lashes, a straight delicately out nose and a pretty red mouth, whose frequent smile discloses two rows of white teeth such as only French women possess.

"The princess' complexion is the sort of pink and white one reads about but so seldom sees, and it can stand the test of the brightest noonday sun, for not a trace of rouge de dix disfigures her lovely face, but the crowning attraction is certainly her beautiful golden brown hair." She speaks English with just a suspicion of a French accent, can converse with sprightliness and humor without derogating from the dignity that becomes a princess in general society, is an ardent sportswoman, a keen lover of dogs, and is an expert figure skater—altogether a very attractive young woman indeed.

A Summer Parlor.

The artistic mistress of an old fashioned house has recently arranged a summer parlor so prettily that a description may incite others to go and do likewise. The porch, which was a very broad one, ran under the drawing room windows, one of which she had cut to the floor, and by taking off the "trim" made it wide enough for two glass doors to open out on the veranda, the end of which she inclosed with wire netting. This made quite a room, which she proceeded to furnish all in blue and white. The floor she covered with white matting and blue and white jute rugs. The divan she upholstered in the way described, but as she could not find canvas with the designs and coloring to suit her she took unbleached sheeting, and with a pot of prussian blue painted a conventional delft pattern, carrying out the idea in the cushions, which she boldly decorated with prussian blue Dutch landscapes on the unbleached sheeting, a quaint old set of plates serving as models. Two wrought iron stands and lamps had blue and white shades. A white table for periodicals, a couple of white wicker easy chairs, with blue and white cushions, and four big blue and white flowerpots, with tall plants, completed the furniture of one of the prettiest little outdoor rooms imaginable.—New York Tribune.

What She Will Be.

There is one woman in New York who looks for the new woman to be a person with both eyes wide open and her eyeteeth cut, figuratively speaking, and her mental and moral digestion as good as her physical digestion needs to be in order to live at all. From her knowledge of life I look for her to evolve a philosophy, an optimism and a scientism that can carry self reliance to others, even as she divines it for herself. It has been a comparatively simple matter for women, shielded as they have been in the home, to propound theories and worship their ideals and have the worship all by themselves without knowing it. The new woman must learn conditions, and then her theories will be less ethereal and therefore more practical and sympathetic. A woman's theory founded on an ideal is the most absurd thing in the world. The feminine mind is capable of great optimism and therefore of the purest sentiment. When condition finds it worth while to live up to theory that is founded on truth and not on the ideal, as it certainly must in time not far hence, we shall have a true

better status of society. It will be the era of the new woman.—Harriet Holt Cahoon in New York Recorder.

New York's Woman's Building.

Work has begun on the Woman's building to be erected in New York. The house, which is to be for the exclusive use of women, will be very handsome and fitted up with every luxury. In the basement, baths, hair dressing rooms, miniature shops, etc., are to be located. Club, reading and assembly rooms, as well as library, offices and a restaurant, will occupy the first floor. The upper floors are to be divided into apartments, single rooms and suits. The building will cost \$750,000.

An Able Woman.

Mrs. Schuyler Van Rensselaer is to be a member of the New York school board, by appointment of the mayor. Mrs. Van Rensselaer has been a conspicuous opponent of equal rights for women; but, like some of our most prominent Massachusetts "remonstrants," she has no objection to holding public office herself. She is an able woman and will be an acquisition to the school board. Her experiences as a member of it may convert her to woman suffrage.—Woman's Journal.

Michigan Women School Officials.

Among the women just elected as county school commissioners in Michigan are Julia A. Hughes, Sterling, Arenac county; Emma Sherman, Newbury, Lapeer county; Flora Beasley, Hastings, Barry county; Mrs. D. E. W. Hall, Manistee, Manistee county; Mary McKenzie, Ludington, Mason county; Melinda L. Mills, Midland, Midland county; Cora M. Goodnow, Berlin, Ottawa county.

She Is an Expert.

Several of the departments of the leading mercantile houses in New York city employ woman buyers. Their discrimination in regard to style and effect makes them invaluable employees. Mrs. Jeannot, the buyer of notions and novelties for a large Broadway firm, is a connoisseur and expert in her chosen vocation.

Proved Her Worth.

The woman who was business manager of the women's edition of the Cleveland Plain Dealer showed such remarkable business ability that she has been offered and accepted the position of advertising agent on a big daily, with a splendid salary, and is doing work required in a satisfactory manner.

The Brice Girls to Go Cycling.

The daughters of Senator Brice have mapped out a delightful programme for the summer that is more than likely to be followed by numbers of their friends in Washington society. It is a bicycle tour of rural districts of France. This will be made in company with quite a large party of friends, whom they will join immediately upon their arrival in Paris, for which city they will sail July 3.

Does Two Men's Work.

Miss Minnie Gertrude Kelly has been appointed by Theodore Roosevelt as secretary and stenographer at the police headquarters in New York. She fills the places of two men employed under the old regime, receives \$1,700 a year and saves the city \$1,200 annually.

In Utah the new constitution of the state will be submitted to the voters at the November election. Its distinctive features are the provision inhibiting polygamy and the clause granting the right of suffrage to women.

Miss Nellie Temple, a Vassar graduate of the class of '82, has recently been engaged in assisting Professor Ratzel of the University of Leipzig in a revision of his treatise on the United States.

Lined oil is better than anything else for removing rust from a stovepipe. Rub the pipe thoroughly with the oil—a little goes a great way—and build a slow fire until it is dry.

The Nonpartisan Woman's Christian Temperance union recently adopted a resolution which pledges its members to remove their hats at church and at all indoor speaking.

Mrs. Eliza H. Church, who died recently at Freeport, Ill., was one of the earliest and most sincere friends of the cause of woman suffrage.

Miss Grace Chisholm.

Miss Grace Chisholm, who has just obtained the degree of doctor of philosophy from Gottingen university, is said to be about to visit Boston. Miss Chisholm has previously taken honors at Oxford and Cambridge, and she now intends to investigate the field at Harvard.

THE EMPRESS OF JAPAN AND HER DOWDY COSTUMES.

Bloomers in Ann Arbor—Woman, Religion and Law—Novelties in Jewelry—The Dainty Mull Gown—Lady Norreys on Knickerbockers—Girls in New York.

This quaint sketch of the Japanese empress was made by a native artist, who loves every idea of grace when he deals with European costume. It is not much to be wondered at in the case of this fair sovereign, whose foreign clothes are of the ugliest fashion of 17 years ago. What ignorant and vulgar person furnishes these garments it would be interesting



EMPERESS OF JAPAN.

to know. Probably the unsalable costumes of London dressmakers, costumes put together in the late seventies, are unloaded upon trusting oriental palace officials by some ingenious introducer of civilization.

It is a pity to spoil the really charming personality of the empress, who used to be bewitching in the pretty clothes of her own land. This drawing represents the sovereign and her ladies engaged in preparing lint for the Japanese wounded—a most womanly occupation.—New York Tribune.

Bloomers in Ann Arbor.

The liveliest piece of recent news from Michigan university was set forth in a newspaper dispatch which tells of the brave stand made by certain of the women students at Ann Arbor in defense of one of woman's newest rights.

Miss Day, a junior, wears bloomers when she rides a bicycle, as all women do who choose. But she can't ride a bicycle all the time, and finding it an inconvenience to change her raiment from hour to hour she fell into the habit of wearing bloomers around her boarding house. Mrs. Eames, who keeps the boarding house, is not a "new woman," but one of the older fashioned sort who believe in skirts. She told Miss Day that bloomers did not "go" in her house, so Miss Day compromised and agreed to wear bloomers only when she rode her bicycle. But Miss Brown of the Medical school cried "Tyranny!" when she heard of it and put her bloomers right on and called forth into the street and declared war. Some of the professors' wives who ride bicycles sided with her and declared it to be the constitutional right of every woman to wear bloomers with or without bicycles whenever she would. Then Mrs. Eames rose up and declared that she would have no bloomers worn about her house if she lost every bloomer-bearer she had! Now there is war in Ann Arbor. But of course the bloomers will win. The town has been a stronghold of women's rights ever since its university started, and if women want a new right at any time there is no better place to seize it in.

A place for bloomers and every bloomer in its place may be a good rule, but there is small chance for it to be enforced in Ann Arbor. Certainly this presents a grave question of casuistry, and women will do well to consider it. The Bachelor's opinion is that only pretty women should wear bloomers at any time.—Bachelor of Arts.

Women Elect Officers.

Mrs. Sarah A. Thurston was chosen president of the Woman's Republican association of Kansas at its recent annual meeting in Topeka. Mrs. Lewis Hanback of Argentine was chosen vice president; Mrs. Edward Gaylord, Topeka, secretary; Mrs. Bost of Rosedale, treasurer. Mrs. Iuez M. Stine, state organizer for the last year, was unanimously re-elected.

Now Comes the Sleeve Extender.

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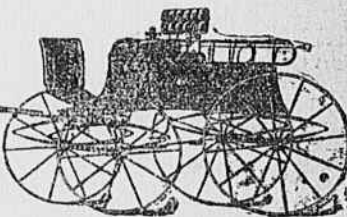
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